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LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Today, the delegation representing the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia was informed of the following acts of aggression committed against its citizens:

Yesterday, 17 March 1993, at 1.30 p.m. local time, four fixed-wing aircraft of the Yugoslav People's Army carried out bombing missions against the town of Srebrenica. Upon completion of the raids, the four Serbian aircraft returned back to the territory of the Republic of Serbia. Concurrently, Srebrenica was shelled by artillery from the territory of the Republic of Serbia, constituting an act of foreign aggression against a Member State.

The siege of Srebrenica was intensified by the continuing denial by Serbian and Montenegrin forces of free passage of humanitarian aid convoys to the town's population.

Today, Sarajevo suffered what was the most severe artillery attack since the beginning of the siege of the city. The toll in lives and disabling injuries to our men, women and children is devastating.

Aggressor forces in the region of Bjelina issued an ultimatum to non-Serb citizens of the region to leave immediately or risk worse consequences. This took place in conjunction with the systematic dynamiting and destruction of the five remaining mosques in Bjelina by Serbian authorities.

Acting under paragraph 1 of Article 35 of the United Nations Charter, in light of the continuing hostilities directed against our citizens, gross violations of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, and acts of foreign aggression against a Member State, The Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina requests an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative